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1. UTILITY PROVIDED [USG] FOLLOWING ON 4 OCTOBER. [Greek Official-2] VISITED UTILITY MORNING 4 OCTOBER, DISCUSSED CASE FULLY, ACCEPTED PROPOSAL THAT [Greek Official-2] EXPLOIT UPHILL INFORMATION ON MERTEN IN GREEK PRESS. ON 7 OCTOBER UTILITY WILL HAVE MERTEN DOSSIER READY WHICH (PRTN GBLD BEING SVCD) SHOW HE IS PROPAGANDA TOOL OF SOVIETS. MATERIAL COULD NOT BE SURFACED IN GERMANY BECAUSE IS LIBELOUS AND NOT WATER TIGHT BUT COULD BE REPLAYED IN GERMANY FROM ATHEN PRESS. UTILITY WILL GIVE US DOSSIER AT SAME TIME FOR POSSIBLE REPLAY ELSEWHERE BUT ASKS US NOT TO DISCUSS WITH [Greek Official-2] HIS REVELATION THIS COLLABORATION.

2. INDICATIONS MERTEN IS SERVING SOVIET ENDS REST ON TWO EARLIER CASES.

A. COL. BOGISLAV VON BONIN CASE OF 1955. MERTEN AND TWO OTHER LAWYERS, DR. GUSTAV HEINEMANN (SPD MEMBER BUNDESTAG) AND HIS PARTNER DR. DIETHER POSSE WHERE INVOLVED IN PERSEUDING BONIN TO JOIN EDITORIAL STAFF COMMUNIST FRONT NEWSPAPER RHEINICSH WESTFAELISCHE NACHRICHTEN. BONIN WITHDREW WHEN UTILITY PERSONALLY CONVICTED

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HIM HE HAD BEEN DUPED. (FRAN COMMENT: [~~usg~~] PROBABLY REMEMBERS CASE FROM HIS TIME IN BONN. RATHER EXTENSIVE FRAN FILES DO NOT SHOW INVOLVEMENT MERTEN, HEINEMANN OR POSSER AND UTILITY DID NOT MENTION THEM IN EXTENSIVE CONVERSATIONS WHICH HE THEN HAD WITH [~~usg~~] RE THIS CASE.)

B. SAME TRIO INVOLVED IN EFFORT TO PREVENT DR. ROBERT SERVATIUS OF COLOGNE (CLOSE ASSOCIATE BUT NOT MEMBER OF UPHILL) FROM SERVING AS DEFENSE CONSEL FOR EICHMANN. MANEUVERS BY WHICH THEY TRIED GET THIS APPOINTMENT FOR MERTEN HIMSELF CONVINCE UTILITY OF SOVIET BACKING.

3. DIR: NOTE HEINEMANN IS CLOSE FRIEND AND LAWYER CAZAR. [~~usg~~] WILL ATTEMPT ASK CAZAR SOME DISCREET QUESTIONS 7 OCTOBER.

4. SINCE ALL UPHILL INFO WILL BE GIVEN [^{Greek} ~~OFFICIAL-2~~] ANY FURTHER ACTION GERMAN STATION FOR USE IN GREECE WILL HAVE TO COME FROM INDEPENDENT EFFORTS BONN AND HAMBURG INCLUDING [~~usg~~] INTERVIEW WITH CAUSA WHICH REQUESTED BUT NOT YET FIRM.

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